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Applicant: Randall W. Nelson

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Art Unit: 1642

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Honorable Commissioner:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 25, 2002, please accept this Response to the restriction requirement entered pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 121 for the above-identified application.

Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 121, the Examiner entered a restriction requirement for the following groups of inventions:

Group I: Claims 48-55, drawn to a device comprising a tip having an affinity reagent present within the tip, classified in class D24, subclass 22

Group II: Claims 56-58, drawn to a method of separating a component of a specimen, classified in class 435, subclasses 4 and 7.1

Group III: Claims 56 and 58-69, drawn to a method of separating a component of a specimen followed by mass spectrometric

analysis of the separated component, classified in class 435,  
subclasses 4 and 7.1 and class 252, subclass 408

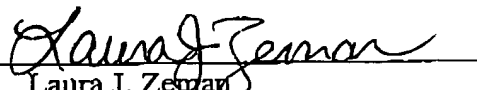
In response to the Examiner's restriction requirement, Applicant elects the invention of  
Group I, claims 48-5512, without traverse, for further examination.

For reference purposes, Applicant has attached hereto a copy of a Substitute Power of  
Attorney relating to several of Applicant's pending patent matters including the above-  
referenced application, the original of which has been forwarded to the Assignment Division for  
recordation.

Dated: July 24, 2002

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